

FAMILY CARE COUNCIL FLORIDA MINUTES – MARCH 7, 2020

Members:

Patricia Oglesby, FCCF Chairperson, FCC 8
Dina Justice, FCCF Vice Chairperson, FCC 1
Ruth Wingate, FCCF Secretary
Paula James, FCCF Treasurer, Suncoast West (5)
Patty Houghland, FCCF Past Chair, FCC 1
Denise Torres, FCC 4
Pauline Lipps, Suncoast East (6)
Susan Andersen Moore, FCC 7
Jean Malacko, FCC 9
Marty Norris, FCC 10
Sandy Ames, FCC 11
Rosemary Revoir, FCC 12
Karen Huscher, FCC 13
Laura Tacinelli, FCC 14
Karen Tappin and Melody Hearn, FCC 15

APD Liaison to FCCF:

Stephanie Rogers

Guests:

Zachargh Tappin Cunningham
DarLing Malacko
Ernie Martinez

Speakers:

Clarence Lewis, Deputy Director of
Operations, Agency for Persons
with Disabilities
Karen Hagan, Emergency
Coordination Officer, APD
Melanie Etters, Communication
Director, APD
Margaret Hooper, Director of
Public Policy and Advocacy
Florida Developmental Disabilities
Council

The regular meeting of the Family Care Council Florida was held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 and called to order at 8:37 in the Yeager room of the Embassy Suites Hotel, Orlando.

Member Action/Activities/Committee Reports/Liaison Report

- Moved by Dina Justice, seconded by Sandy Ames to approve the FCCF conference call minutes of January 26, 2020 as presented. Motion passed.
- Moved by Dina Justice, seconded by Denise Torres to approve the FCCF minutes of January 10, 2020 as presented. Motion passed.
- Moved by Denise Torres, seconded by Patty Houghland to approve the FCCF minutes of January 11, 2020 as presented. Motion passed.
- Moved by Dina Justice, seconded by Sandy Ames to print 1,000 Spanish and 2,000 English versions of the FCCF general brochure, and 3,000 waiver support brochures with price not to exceed \$750.00 total. Motion passed.
- Moved by Denise Torres, seconded by Paula James to pay for Spanish translation of the FCCF general brochure with price not to exceed \$125.00. Motion passed.
- Moved by Dina Justice, seconded by Patty Houghland to purchase a tablecloth and banner for FCCF with the new logo at a price not to exceed \$1,200 if current year funds are available. Motion passed.
- Karen Huscher, Chair of the FCCF Nominating Committee presented the proposed slate for the 2020-2021 Executive Board, with Dina Justice as Chairperson, Paula James as Vice Chairperson, Pauline Lipps as Treasurer and the Secretary position vacant. Nominations will be accepted from the floor for all elected positions prior to the Election of Officers at the May 9, 2020 FCCF meeting.
- The Council received the current FY 2019-2020 Expenditure Report presented by Treasurer Paula James.
- Vice Chairperson Dina Justice and Patty Houghland will compose a letter regarding health and safety issues of Sunland residents. The letter will be presented to members prior to signature by FCCF Chair Patricia Oglesby and sent to both the Governor and APD.
- Stephanie Rogers presented a video titled "Loop", found on Disney+ streaming. A video promoting employment from Ligilo featuring a young woman from Escambia County was also shown. She distributed the most recent iBudget participation and waiting list statistics.
- Members discussed their local activities and outreach to groups in their community.

- Sandy Ames, Chair of Family CAFÉ committee discussed their request for personal stories. She will send a copy of the Power Point from last year, and an email on status of committee activity.
- Chairperson Patricia Oglesby thanked members for their organization and participation at this year's Developmental Disabilities Day.

Clarence Lewis, Deputy Director of Operations, Agency for Persons with Disabilities

- Discussed the Arc of Florida Dental Services Program and the list of health checks APD is performing at the Sunland facility regarding mold. He explained APD's budget items and outlined the difference between the Governors Recommendations and the House and Senate proposals.
- The legislative session is anticipated to be extended by a few days.
- APD has not been added to the Social Services Estimating Budget Conference at this time. Members and the community can continue to discuss this issue with the Governor and legislators for change.
- Senate Bill 82 has passed three Senate subcommittees but no corresponding bill from the House. If SB82 does not pass, no change will happen to Statute, but APD could amend their rules to address recommendations in SB82.
- Rate increases will still be on the table for discussion during the Budget Conference committee.

Karen Hagan, Emergency Coordination Officer and Melanie Eters, Communication Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities

- Discussed COVID-19, and Florida's dependence on the Center for Disease Control, with the Department of Health as lead agency for guidance. DOH has testing labs in Jacksonville, Miami and Tampa. Strategy is currently containment and precautionary measures. APD is actively participating in conference calls with DOH, Agency for Health Care Administration, Department of Children and Families, Department of Elder Affairs, State Emergency Management and others for consistency. Questions fielded by APD from Regions and facilities are forwarded to AHCA, then to DOH to answer on their website. Washing hands for 20 seconds is recommended. County health departments are also testing. Questions can also be sent directly to Melanie Eters at Melanie.eters@apdcares.org.

Margaret Hooper, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, Florida Developmental Disabilities Council

- Florida's Budget Conference will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7. Participants are selected from the pertinent subcommittee members. The House is hosting the conference so they offer the first budget proposal, followed by the Senate. The process is closed, with results announced after approval.
- Funding to cover the APD deficit and additional waiting list slots was included in the proposals. If budget committee chairs cannot concur, it will be referred to the Appropriations chairs, and if still not resolved, to the Senate President and Speaker of the House.
- SB82 has been amended, but still no companion bill pending. Solo support coordinators are required to form a minimum of a 4-provider agency in this bill. Issues addressed in SB82 could also occur through an implementing bill, proviso language, or a last minute House bill. Will be on third reading on Monday, March 9.
- The bill on school restraint/seclusion was rewritten this session, with guidelines for audio/visual equipment that was requested by parents for self-contained classes. It will become a pilot in Miami and Broward because of equipment cost. The bill would prohibit seclusion and create guidelines for restraint, including when mechanical restraint is prohibited.
- Vocational rehabilitation bills (SB1784 and HB901) focus on regulating training of individuals with disabilities for employment, starting at age 14. Regulations would task school districts to create a plan within 90 days to comply with requirements equally throughout Florida.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Submitted by Ruth Wingate, FCCF Secretary